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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
California Department of Transportation
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Tulare County Association of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation
Improvement Program Amendment No. 8

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed its review of the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 8 submitted by your letter dated May 6, 2005. The amendment includes modifications to the local and transit elements of the FTIP by adding or modifying projects funded by the following programs: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Safe Routes to School.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. We also find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved changes made to the FTIP by this amendment do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of TCAG's 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 8 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any specified program funding.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa at (916) 498-5022 or Alex Smith at (415) 744-2599.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mayela Sosa

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
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